REMARKS

Proposed amendments to the drawings are enclosed herewith in response to the requirements for such corrected drawings in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. A proposed correction to Fig. 2 is enclosed to overcome the objection to the drawings in paragraph 3 of the Office Action.

Claims 5, 6, and 8-10 have been written to overcome the rejections to those claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Office Action.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0,555,100 to Ishiguro et al. Claims 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishiguro et al. in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art.

Independent claim 1 provides that the shield member extends along an entirety of a periphery of the pixel electrode.

In contrast, what the Examiner conceives to be the shield member element 308 or 310 in Ishiguro et al., Office Action, page 4, lines 5-6, only extends along a portion of the periphery of the pixel electrode 314, Ishiguro et al., page 7, lines 36-37; page 8, lines 52-53; Figs. 5, 8.

In addition, according to the present invention, the metallic layer, made of the same material used for the signal lines 15, surrounds the pixel electrode area as the shield ring 17.

Ishiguro et al., simply teaches that source lines 207 made of a metal are disposed on the glass substrate 201. An ITO film overlies the source lines 207 to form pixel electrodes 214.

CLOSING

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In

view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that independent claim 1 is in

condition for allowance, as well as those claims dependent therefrom. Passage of this case to

allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in

condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the

number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper, not fully covered by an enclosed check, may be charged on

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Enclosure: Amended Figs. 2, 3A, 3B, 4A and 4B.

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